Rail revenue through advertising

4711. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made on the project for using rail track sidings for advertising purposes and earning revenues from it; and

(b) how much revenue has been earned uptil now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Comprehensive guidelines regarding commercial publicity which include sites along railway track have been issued to Zonal Railways. An amount of Rs. 42.25 crores (approx.) has been earned from commercial publicity including publicity along the railway track during the year 2000-2001.

Touts connection with APS to Ex-Railway Minister

4712. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item "Mamata leaves her cloud in Railway Ministry; Assistant PS was 'in league' with touts in Indian Express" dated 4th April, 2001;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted against the concerned Assistant Personal Secretary;

(d) if so, the findings thereof and action taken thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The enquiry into the misuse of Emergency Quota from Minister for Railway's (MR.) residence by unauthorised agents was conducted by Railway vigilance before the report was published in the "Indian Express".